

for the health and welfare of all citizens of Los Angeles, regardless of age, sex, creed, or color.

The Talmud states, "He who does Charity and Justice is as if he had filled the whole world with kindness." In the spirit of these words, Dr. Geft continuously performs acts of charity and justice that brings an incredible sense of loving kindness and hope to the greater community of Los Angeles. His dedication to increasing the well being of the ailing is unique. Known for visiting patients young and old alike, he can be spotted in a variety of hospitals and homes throughout Los Angeles around the clock. Amidst the busy schedule of a cardiologist, Dr. Geft does not hesitate to make time for any of his patients. His commitment to helping others has significantly improved the quality of life in our community.

Dr. Geft's compassion is coupled with his reputation as one of the most well respected cardiologists in the city of Los Angeles. Dr. Geft serves as a physician specializing in cardiology, primarily at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He also travels throughout the city and has privileges to UCLA Hospital, Midway Hospital, and Century City Hospital. He is an associate clinical professor at the UCLA School of Medicine. However, his well earned reputation began prior to his practice in Los Angeles. Dr. Geft was senior cardiologist at Shaare Zedek Hospital and worked as a fellow in cardiology at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem, Israel. He attended school at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Dr. Geft's list of accomplishments is tireless. He is a member of the world renowned Royal College of Physicians in the United Kingdom. He is also a member of the Israel Board of Cardiologists. He belongs to the California Medical Association, is a fellow at the American College of Cardiology, and is a member of the Israel Medicine Society. His leadership abilities have been recognized by many, including the American Heart Association, who awarded him the Young Investigators Award. Today, his talents are being recognized once again.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Geft for his love, dedication, and passionate service to his patients and the community of Los Angeles.

**HONORING HENRY B. GONZALEZ
FOR 4½ DECADES OF SERVICE
TO THE HOUSE AND THE PEOPLE
OF THE 20TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to stand here and extol the achievements of Congressman GONZALEZ. His legacy is as extensive as it is grand, and I find myself awed by his accomplishments.

Congressman GONZALEZ has served in Congress for 38 years. From the moment that he entered the Congressional service on November 4, 1961, Congressman GONZALEZ has represented his constituents, his State, and his Nation with the utmost loyalty and dignity.

As the Representative of the San Antonio area, Congressman GONZALEZ has served on

the House Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs and on its housing subcommittees. As the Chairman of the Banking Committee from 1989 to 1994, the Congressman conducted over 500 hearings that covered topics ranging from the Bush Administration's pre-war policy toward Iraq to the Bank of Commerce and Credit International scandal.

While acting as Chairman of the Banking Committee, Congressman GONZALEZ also guided 71 bills through the legislative process. Among these important measures were bills that provided important services such as making more credit available to small businesses and strengthening laws pertaining to financial crimes. As a member and a Chair, Congressman GONZALEZ assisted in the restoration of the savings and loans industry and helped to overhaul the deposit insurance system.

Beyond his work with the Banking Committee, Congressman GONZALEZ has actively promoted legislation that dealt with areas such as civil rights, education, veterans, and equal opportunity.

As the Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Development Institutions and Finance, the Congressman sponsored the "Gonzalez Amendment" that protects U.S. citizens' overseas property from expropriation without just compensation from a foreign government.

As the Chairman of the ad hoc Subcommittee on the Robinson-Patman Act, Anti-trust Legislation, and Related Matters, Congressman GONZALEZ preserved the interests of small businesses. Moreover, the report he issued as the Chair is now revered by anti-trust lawyers.

Most significantly, the Congressman helped his constituents by authoring a series of public laws over a six year period that paved the way to San Antonio's hosting of the 1968 World's Fair. That event generated business for the Congressman's district and resulted in a convention center, an exhibit hall, additional hotels, a new theater and restaurant district, and additional shops.

We will miss Congressman GONZALEZ's dedication and service as a Member of Congress. I know that my home State of Texas will miss the service of one of our great Americans on its behalf in the U.S. Congress. On behalf of Texas, I would like to thank Congressman GONZALEZ for his accomplishments. I wish him the best as he embarks on his well-earned retirement.

**HONORING ROBERT C. JAZWINSKI,
SHENANGO VALLEY CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE 1998 PERSON OF
THE YEAR AWARD**

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Robert C. Jazwinski who was awarded the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce 1998 Person of the Year Award.

This award is presented annually by the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce in order to honor a person who exemplifies leadership, commitment, and devotion to the Shenango Valley area. Robert Jazwinski's efforts in supporting and promoting the Shenango Valley have been exemplary.

The Shenango Valley is grateful that Mr. Jazwinski has decided to make it his home along with his wife Sally and three daughters Alison, Sarah and Jenny. He is the president and chief executive officer of Jazwinski Financial Services. Robert has established himself as a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Financial Planner and Specialist and has been recognized by the Personal Financial Planning Division of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with high distinction.

Mr. Jazwinski has been committed to the Shenango Valley because he cares about bringing its citizens together. He has served on the board of directors of the chamber of commerce and as a commissioner for the city of Hermitage. Currently, he is an F.H. Buhl Trustee, executive vice president of the Shenango Valley Foundation, and a member of the board of directors for the executive committee and treasurer of the Penn Northwest Development Corporation.

It is an honor to recognize Mr. Jazwinski and his achievements. He is a man who has made an important difference in the Shenango Valley.

**NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS
ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1997**

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support for S. 459, a measure to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974. The purpose of this bill is to amend the Native American Programs Act to extend the authorization to fiscal year 2000 of appropriations for programs administered by the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) with the Department of Health and Human Services. This legislation would also reauthorize, for a period of 1 year, the Native Hawaiian revolving loan fund.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is critical to continue the availability of a modest amount of grant funds used by native communities nationwide to foster economic growth, develop tools for good governance and promote social welfare.

In 1974, the Native American Programs Act was enacted by Congress to assist tribes and other Native American communities with developing social, economic, and governance strategies in order to become economically self-sufficient. Since its enactment, hundreds of tribes, reservation communities, and other native organizations have benefited from the programs funded under this Act, programs which foster the development of stable, diversified local economies by developing the physical, commercial, industrial and/or agricultural components necessary for a functioning economic base.

ANA has provided grants for governance, social, and economic development projects; grants to assist with tribal recognition efforts; grants for projects to assist tribes in their capacity to meet environmental requirements; grants to support projects which promote the survival and preservation of Native American languages and funds to support the Native Hawaiian revolving loan fund. These projects

have served to improve the quality of living for thousands of Native American families and communities.

The ANA funding policy is to assist Indian Tribes and Native American organizations to plan and implement their own long-term strategies for social and economic development. The aim is to increase local productivity and reduce dependence on government social services. This legislation will extend until fiscal year 2000 the authorization for these modestly funded yet very successful programs to strengthen and rebuild tribal communities around the United States.

I wish to thank my good friends, Senator CAMPBELL, Senator INOUE and Senator MURKOWSKI for their efforts to extend the authorization for these valuable resources to improve opportunities for self-sufficiency for Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and other native peoples.

Mr. Speaker, the programs authorized in this measure are critical to fostering social and economic self-sufficiency—a goal shared by this Congress as we move toward greater fiscal responsibility in all American communities. I urge my colleagues to act favorably and expeditiously on this measure.

COMMEMORATING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Monroe Township, New Jersey as they celebrate their 160th anniversary.

Monroe, named after our fifth president, James Monroe, became a township on February 23, 1838. The first people to inhabit the land were the Leni Lenape Indians, followed by those seeking religious freedom from England and Scotland who arrived in the mid-seventeenth century. Both groups were attracted to the area's fertile soil, abundant water and miles of woodland. When Monroe became a township 160 years ago, its population was only 2,435.

Over the past 160 years, Monroe has grown from a rural, farming area into an active residential and commercial community. But residents and visitors to this beautiful town can still enjoy its working horse and produce farms and plush woodlands. Monroe Township is the home of five large planned retirement communities where almost half of their population of roughly 27,000 people reside. It boasts a strong educational system, many parks and recreation facilities and a close-knit community atmosphere.

I wish to commend Monroe Township and all of the people of Monroe on this historic anniversary. It is an honor to have this great township within the borders of the twelfth congressional district.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF MAMMOGRAPHY AND BIOPSIES IN FIGHTING BREAST CANCER

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM BILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. BILEY. Mr. Speaker, the attached letters are submitted for inclusion in the RECORD.

OCTOBER 6, 1998.

Hon. TOM BILEY, *Chairman, House Committee on Commerce, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BILEY: On behalf of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC), I am writing to thank you for your support and leadership in reauthorizing the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA). By adopting national standards for the provision of mammography, the Congress has helped ensure that women get the highest quality screening.

We would also like to commend your leadership for working so hard to include a direct notification provision in this year's reauthorization. This is a very important issue for women. As you know, NBCC believes along with the Agency for Health Care and Policy Research (AHCPR) that the best public health policy is for women to receive direct written notification of the results of their mammogram. Direct notification will permit women to make informed medical decisions at a critical time.

Our experience as activists and consumers is that without a requirement that facilities provide direct written notification to patients—it won't always happen. Without direct reporting, some women, waiting to hear from their physician may make the tragic assumption that "no news is good news." It is for that reason that your leadership on including this requirement is so significant.

Thank you again for your commitment to this issue. We look forward to continuing to work with you to eradicate breast cancer.

Sincerely,

FRANCES M. VISCO,
President.

AUGUST 3, 1998.

Hon. TOM BILEY,
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BILEY: On behalf of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC), I want to thank you for your leadership in the reauthorization of the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA). This program, which establishes minimum national quality standards for mammography facilities and personnel as well as a rigorous annual inspection program to ensure those standards are being met, is an important component in the arsenal for fighting breast cancer.

The NBCC is extremely pleased that the Committee has included language that would require facilities to provide direct written notification of mammographic results to all patients. We join the Agency for Health Care Policy Research (AHCPR) and other experts and consumers in believing that direct notification is the best public policy.

We also understand that the bill includes language that would permit the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to conduct a limited demonstration project to determine the feasibility of inspecting high-performing mammography facilities on a less than annual basis. While we have concerns about

backing away from annual inspections, we have been working with the Committee to ensure that any demonstration project is done on a restricted basis with regard to the facilities that are selected for inclusion in the program. Moreover, the demonstration, not to begin before April 1, 2001, should be constructed with the utmost caution to ensure facilities continue to adhere to tough national mammography standards.

We look forward to working with the Committee to continue to find ways to improve the MQSA program. Thank you again for your leadership and support.

Sincerely,

FRAN VISCO,
President.

STATEMENT OF CHRISTINE BRUNSWICK, VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL BREAST CANCER COALITION, SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak today. On behalf of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, I want to begin by thanking Chairman Bile, Chairman Bilirakis, and the Members of the House Commerce Committee for their leadership in reauthorizing H.R. 4382, the Mammography Quality Standards Act. MQSA establishes minimum national quality standards for mammography facilities and personnel and also includes a rigorous annual inspection program to ensure those standards are met. These are essential components in the fight against breast cancer.

H.R. 4382 improves mammography screening by providing all patients—for the first time ever—with direct written notification of their mammography test results. NBCC believes that women are entitled to know the results of their own mammograms and that they should not have to rely solely on their physicians to notify them of their results.

NBCC believes that written notification is the right public policy. It permits women to make informed medical decisions at a critical time. Public health organizations and consumer advocates have stressed consistently that women are entitled to know the results of their exams and that it is the facilities' responsibility to provide direct written notification of mammography results to all patients. For numerous reasons, many health care providers do not always communicate the results of mammograms to patients. And some women, waiting to hear from their physician, may make the tragic assumption that "no news is good news."

As the Mammography Quality Standards Act was originally adopted into law, there was already a requirement for self-referred women to be directly notified about the results of their mammography. Without a requirement that all patients are notified directly, the concern is that women may not hear about their mammography results until it's too late.

NBCC is not alone in supporting direct written notification. Based on extensive review of the literature, expert testimony, and contributions of an independent multidisciplinary panel of private-sector clinicians, other experts and consumers, the Agency for Health Care Policy Research (AHCPR) strongly recommended direct written notification in the Clinical Practice Guideline:

"Any written communication must have language that is carefully constructed to impart results without causing undue anxiety, to promote a relationship between the woman and health care provider, and to encourage the woman to take the next step."

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has stated that it "continues to believe that written notification of mammographic results is the most reliable way to guarantee